The Palace, Mysore,
'25th September 1925.

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My dear Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 29th August 1925, regarding the acceptance of Addresses and Caskets by the Dewan of Mysore.

His Highness approves of the amendment proposed to be embodied in the Rules for the conduct of Public Servants.

Your interpretation of the Rules so far as the Dewan is concerned does not seem to be quite correct. Rule no doubt permits the Dewan to accept addresses, but no mention, you will observe, ismade of Caskets which one would naturally think came under sub which prohibits acceptance of any gifts of value by public servants. His Highness has no objection, however, to the acceptance of gifts of comparatively little value such as trowels and keys.

In discussing the general question, it was only natural to make a reference to the entertainment given by the Vokkaligar Sangha, more especially as there were certain features in it which were of an objectionable nature from the public standpoint. I am to say that a rule may now be issued to the effect that complimentary addresses should not be accepted by the Dewan without the previous permission of His Highness.

I do not know why you should have thought it necessary to make a reference to me personally in connection with the Vokkaligar Sangha Entertainment. Apart from the fact that it was hardly possible for me to interfere at that late stage when invitations had already been issued, I cannot for a moment admit that such a responsibility attaches to the position as Private Secretary to His Highness. It is for the Dewan to consult me, officially or privately, if he chooses to do, and I

cannot be expected to proffer advice or suggestion unasked in such matters.

Yours sincerely,

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